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"THIS WORLD IS OLDER THAN  
YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE..."







ORBITAL TORUS  
STATE: KAON.

WHERE IS  
MEGATRON?

THE DECEPTICON FORTRESS  
OF KOLKULAR:

THE CRADLE:

DEAD,  
A TRAGIC  
ACCIDENT.

I'M CALLING  
THE SHOTS NOW,  
SHOCKWAVE.

REALLY.

AFTER I HAVE  
BROKEN THE BACK  
OF AUTOBOT  
RESISTANCE AND  
CLAIMED IACON IN  
THE NAME OF THE  
DECEPTICONS...

...WE WILL  
REVIEW THE  
SITUATION.  
SHOCKWAVE  
OUT.

PFH.  
WE'LL SEE.

WHAT'S THE PLAN,  
STARSCREAM?

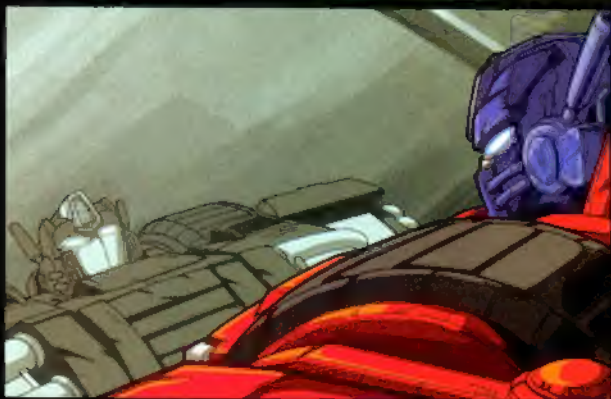
WELL, FOR A  
START, DOWNLOAD  
EVERY **SCRAP** OF  
INFORMATION IN  
**LASERBEAK**  
HERE...

...I WANT TO  
KNOW **EXACTLY**  
WHAT MEGATRON  
HAD IN MIND.

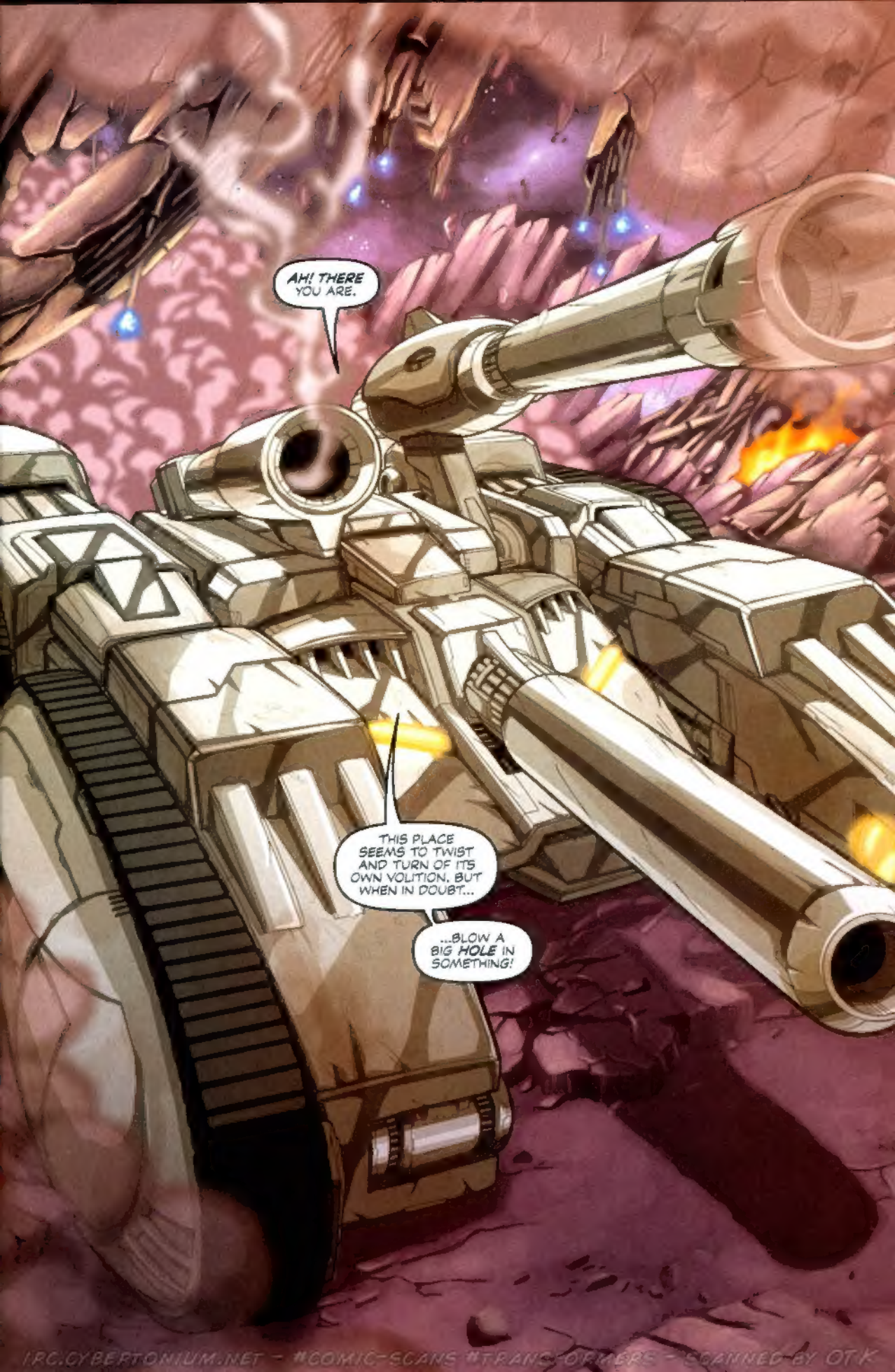
IF HE WAS  
TELLING THE  
TRUTH...

...THEN I MIGHT  
JUST **RE-MAKE**  
CYBERTRON IN MY  
OWN IMAGE!







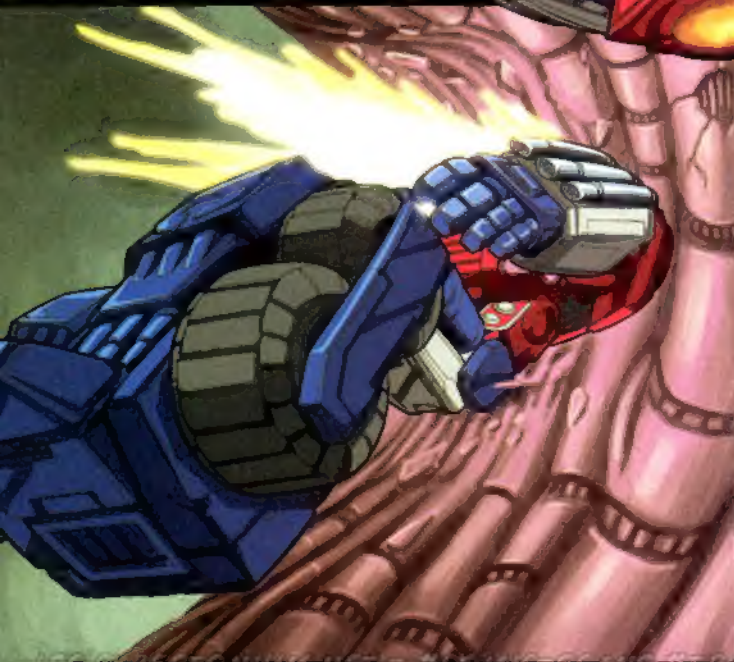


AH! THERE  
YOU ARE.

THIS PLACE  
SEEMS TO TWIST  
AND TURN OF ITS  
OWN VOLITION, BUT  
WHEN IN DOUBT...

...BLOW A  
BIG HOLE IN  
SOMETHING!







SUB-ORBITAL  
OVERWAY:

THE TRI-TORUS LOOP:



SO, GRIMLOCK...  
WE GOING IN?

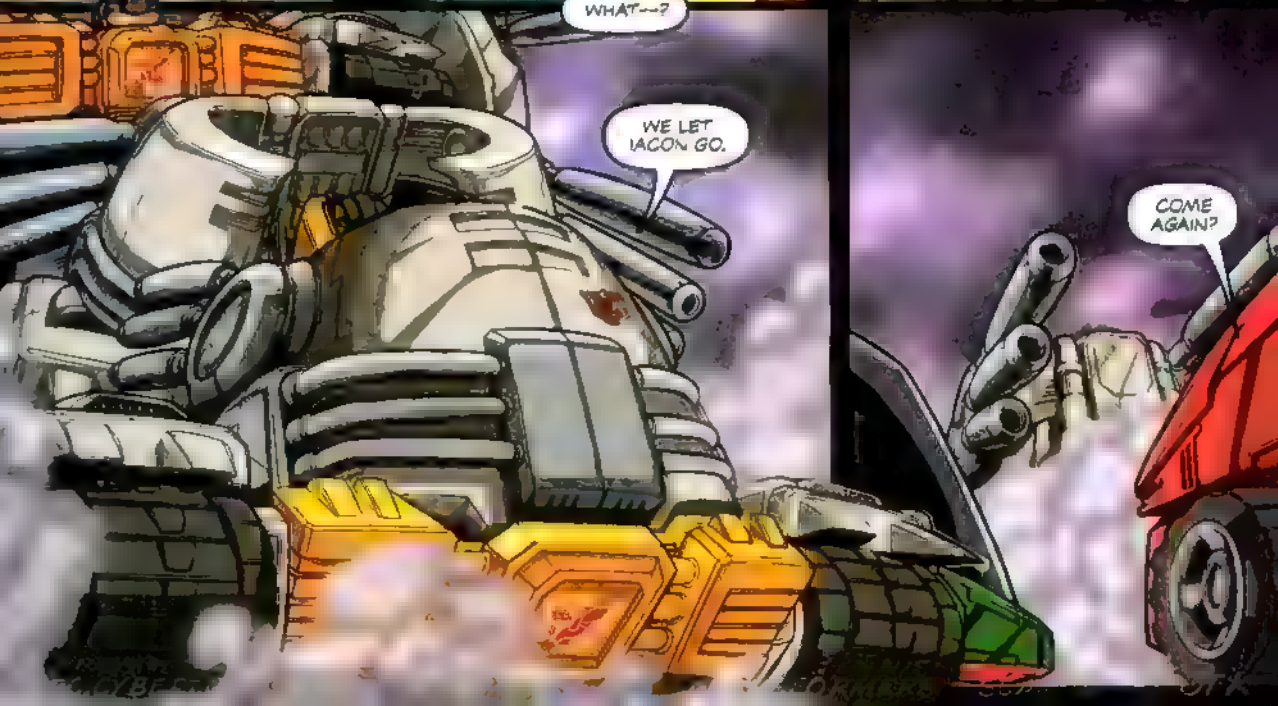


YES, KUP, WE  
GOING IN.

BUT NOT  
TO IACON.



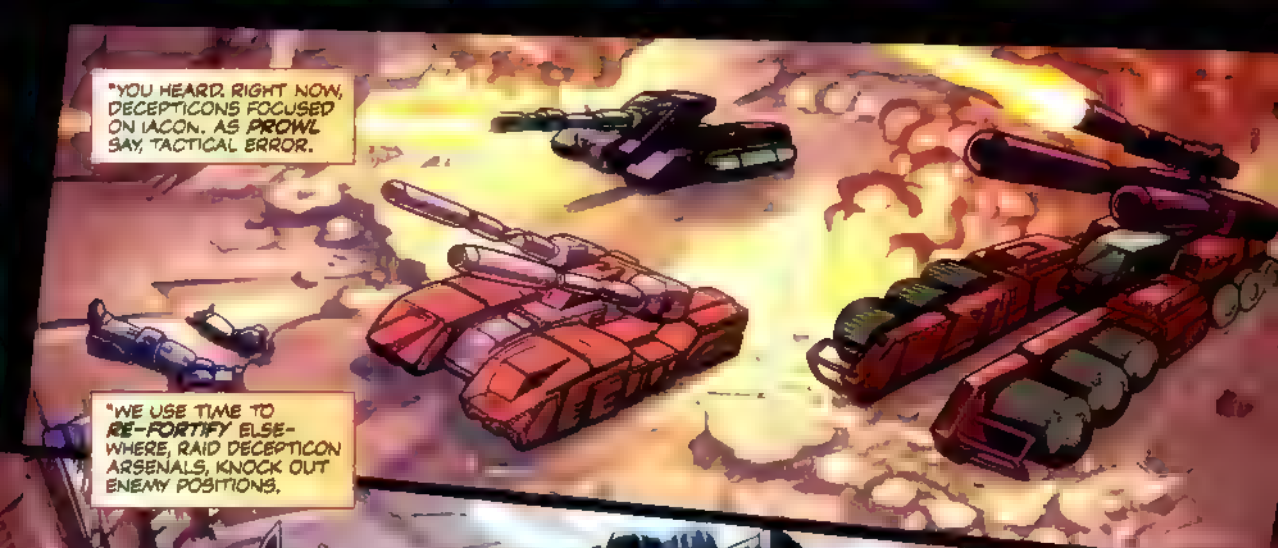
WHAT--?



WE LET  
IACON GO.

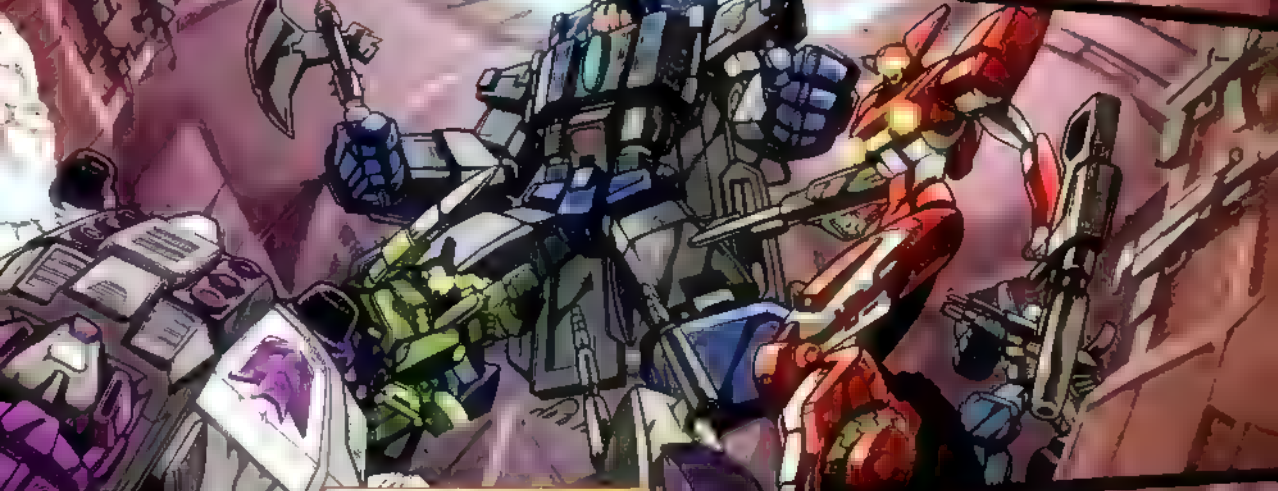
COME  
AGAIN?



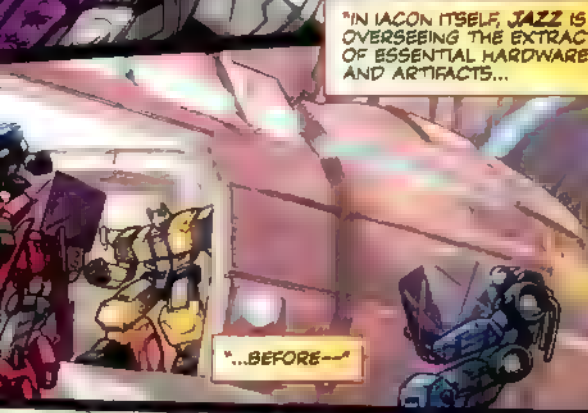


"YOU HEARD, RIGHT NOW, DECEPTICONS FOCUSED ON IACON. AS PROWL SAY, TACTICAL ERROR."

"WE USE TIME TO RE-FORTIFY ELSEWHERE, RAID DECEPTICON ARSENALS, KNOCK OUT ENEMY POSITIONS."



"IN IACON ITSELF, JAZZ IS OVERSEEING THE EXTRACTION OF ESSENTIAL HARDWARE AND ARTIFACTS..."



"...BEFORE--"



BEFORE WHAT?

WHAT ABOUT JAZZ AND ALL THE OTHERS IN IACON? HOW DO WE GO ABOUT EXTRACTING THEM?

WE DON'T.

IF DECEPTICONS SUSPECT WE PULLING OUT, WE LOSE EDGE.

HN, SO WE "LET IACON GO." KNOW WHO YOU SOUND LIKE, GRIMLOCK?





OPTIMUS PRIME...

WHAT A JOKE!

WITHIN:

YOU'D THINK, THIS TIME AT LEAST, THEY'D OFFER ME A CHALLENGE.

BUT NO...


...I GET YOU.



A JUMPED-UP RECORDS CLERK, CARRYING POWER HE BARELY COMPREHENDS. REALLY.

... THEY MIGHT HAVE JUST AS WELL GIVEN THE MATRIX DIRECTLY TO ME!





WHY? THE  
MATRIX IS A  
WINDOW INTO THE  
PAST, CERTAINLY... BUT  
WHAT POSSIBLE  
USE--?

THE MATRIX  
IS POWER.  
THE ORIGINAL  
POWER.

HAVE YOU NEVER  
WONDERED... WHAT  
CAME BEFORE? WE ARE  
AGELESS, TIMELESS, AND YET  
WE HAVE NO MEMORY OF  
CREATION, NO CONCEPT OF  
WHO OR WHAT WE TRULY  
ARE.

OR WHAT WE  
CAN BE!


THIS WORLD... IS A  
BOX OF SECRETS, A  
STOREHOUSE OF PRIMEVAL  
KNOWLEDGE. ALL MY LIFE, I  
HAVE STRUGGLED TO UNLOCK  
THE ENIGMA THAT IS  
CYBERTRON.

AND I BELIEVE  
THE MATRIX IS  
THE KEY.

IMAGINE, THIS  
PLANET... TRANSFORMED,  
MOBILE. NO LONGER BOUND BY  
STELLAR ORBITS OR SPACIAL  
TOPOGRAPHY.

IMAGINE THE  
POSSIBILITIES!





WHAT WOULD YOU  
SAY, PRIME, IF I TOLD YOU  
THE ENGINES THAT MOVED  
CYBERTRON WERE ONCE  
AGAIN FUNCTIONAL...

AWAITING  
ONLY THE FUEL---  
THE MATRIX ITSELF---  
--TO DRIVE THEM  
ACROSS THE  
GALAXY?

I WOULD  
SAY...

...THAT I'LL  
STOP YOU  
DEAD---

--OR DIE  
TRYING.



WELL.

THE CRADLE:

WELL WELL,  
WELL.

IT SEEMS THERE  
IS A MECHAFORMING  
SUB-STRUCTURE.

A WHAT?

A SECOND SKIN,  
IDICT, A NEW LAYER OF  
CYBERTRON, BURIED  
UNDER OUR FEET.

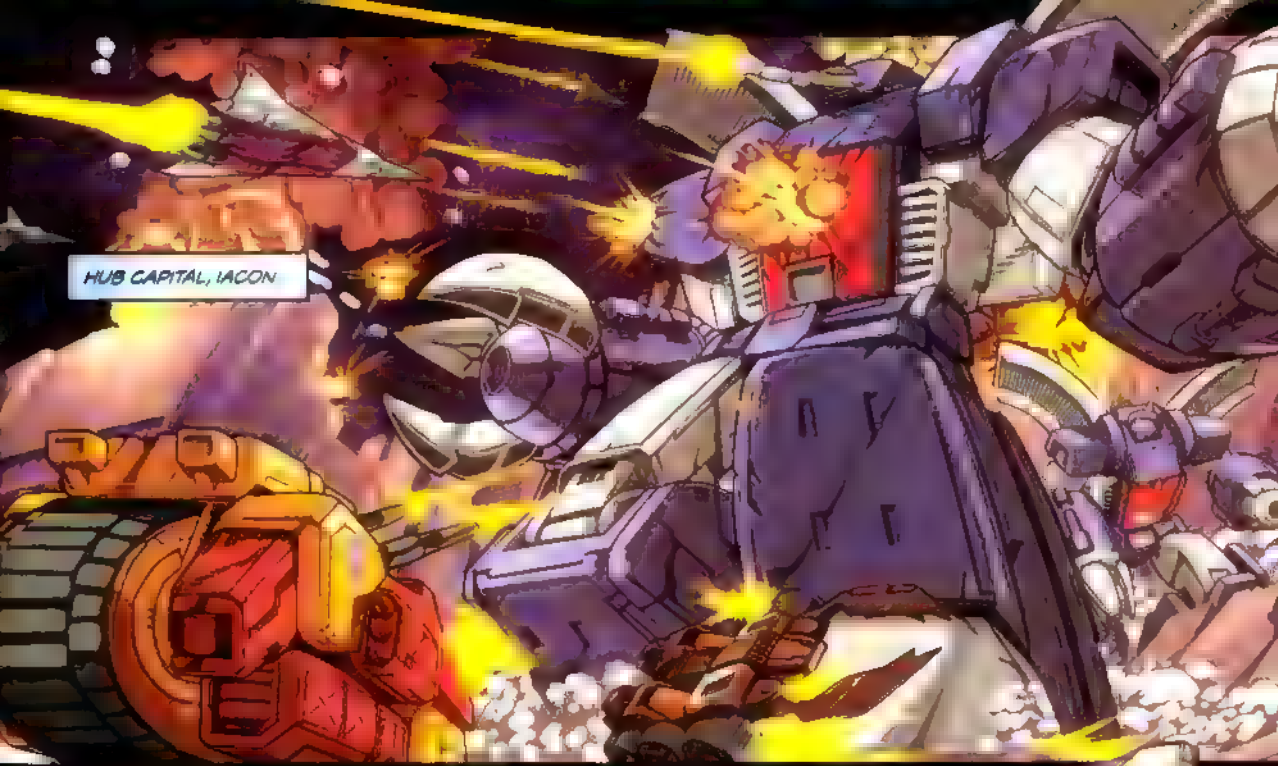
ONCE THE WAR'S  
WON, YOU KIND OF  
START OVER FRESH,  
REPLACE THE MESS  
YOU'VE MADE OF THE  
PLANET.

BUT HEY,  
WHY WAIT?

WE COULD  
START NOW...

...RIGHT  
HERE!

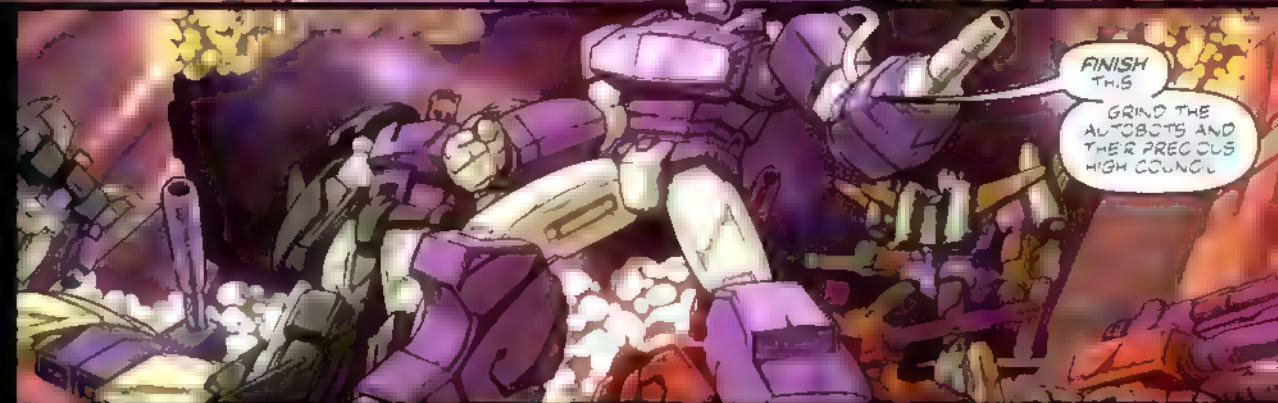




HUB CAPITAL, IACON



NOW.



FINISH  
THIS

GRIND THE  
AUTOBOTS AND  
THEIR PRECIOUS  
HIGH COUNCIL



...UNDER OUR  
CONQUERING  
FEET!



BELOW:

HHH... GOOD.  
YES!

I RATHER  
HOPED YOU'D  
PUT UP A  
FIGHT.

YOUR  
PREDECESSOR,  
**SENTINEL PRIME**,  
WHEN FACED WITH HIS  
OWN EXTINCTION,  
ACTUALLY TRIED TO  
REACH ME WITH  
**DOCTRINE** AND  
**SERMON**.

OH WHAT,  
I WONDER...

...WILL YOU  
BASE YOUR  
LAST,  
DESPERATE  
PLEA?

GU-AH.

THE TRUTH IS,  
**MEGATRON**, BASED ON  
WHAT I'VE SEEN AND  
HEARD TODAY...





THUNK!

...WORDS  
FAIL ME!


KFF!

WELL  
THEN...




...LET'S  
JUST CUT TO  
THE CHASE,  
SHALL WE?






IT'S STRANGE.  
BEFORE I WAS FULL  
OF DOUBT, UNSURE OF  
EITHER MY PATH OR  
MYSELF...



...BUT YOU  
HAVE A WAY OF  
MAKING EVERYTHING  
CRYSTAL CLEAR,  
MEGATRON.



YOU HAVE  
TO BE--



OH, I'M  
SORRY...

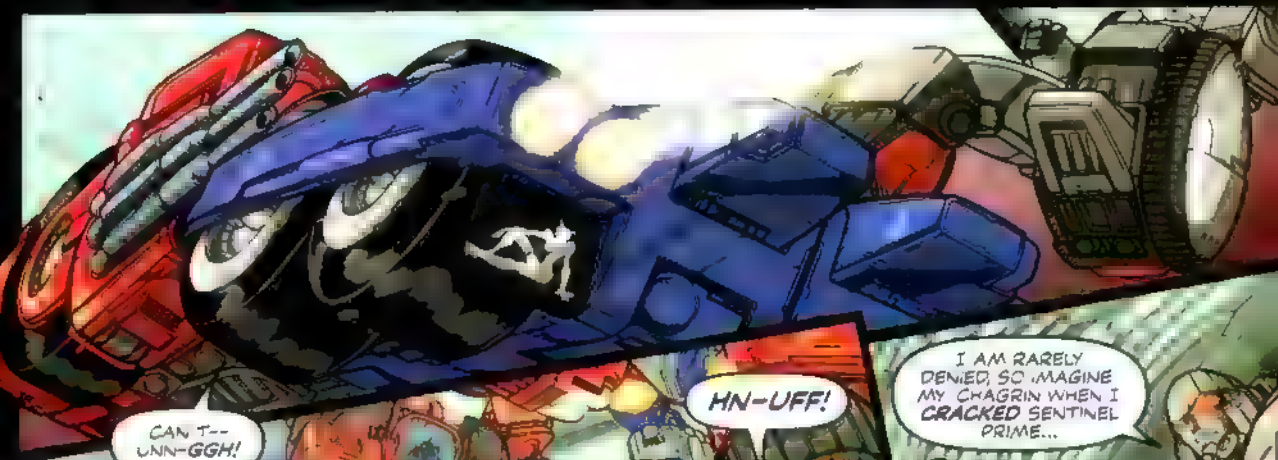


...WERE YOU  
SAYING  
SOMETHING?

GNN-AH!

CHSSK!





CAN T--  
UNN-GGH!

HN-UFF!

I AM RARELY  
DENIED, SO IMAGINE  
MY CHAGRIN WHEN I  
CRACKED SENTINEL  
PRIME...



...TO FIND THE  
MATRIX NO LONGER  
IN RESIDENCE.

I TRUST THIS  
TIME.



..I WILL NOT BE  
DISAPPOINTED!



SKAKK-  
AAAAAK!



IACON, SUB-  
ORBITAL DISTRICT

THE ONCE AND FORMER  
FORUM OF ENLIGHTENMENT:

OH, YOU  
MEAN "IN!"

ATTACH  
LINES, WE  
TRACK THIS  
BACK TO  
SOURCE.

PROWL THINK  
IT CONNECTED,  
TO DECISION TO ATTACK  
IACON, TO MEGATRON...  
TO OPTIMUS PRIME

SO, THIS IS A  
RESCUE MISSION  
RIGHT?

DEPENDS. SEE,  
ME STILL NOT  
CONVINCED

...NEW PRIME  
WORTH SAVING  
AT ALL!

HH, ALL  
THE DIRTY  
JOBS...



WITHIN:

SHEE-AH!

TOO MUCH,  
I CAN'T---

NO! THIS IS  
MADNESS.  
WHERE...







...ARE WE?

TO BE  
CONTINUED...





# TRANSFORMERS™

## THE WAR WITHIN

The action builds to fever pitch, as war rages on all fronts. Above ground, STARScream prepares to activate MEGATRON's mecha-forming machinery, transforming Cybertron irrevocably and dooming the AUTOBOTS the process, while below OPTIMUS PRIME and MEGATRON battle across time, witnesses to the ultimate future of the TRANSFORMER race. PRIME's last and best hope may be his most outspoken adversary... GRIMLOCK!



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**(TOP) THE WAR WITHIN #1 COVER POSTER**

Before ARMADA... before the BEAST WARS... before even GENERATION 1... there was THE WAR WITHIN. The spectacular pencils by series artist Don Figueroa are only enhanced by the digital painting of colonist Alan Wang. In this posterized version of the War Within #1 wrap-around cover. Join the battle, as a new TRANSFORMERS history is forged!



**(LEFT) ARMADA #8 COVER POSTER**

Fans of evil... be on the lookout for this ominous new TRANSFORMERS Armada poster! Featured this time is MEGATRON, leader of the DECEPTICONS, as he contemplates the power of the ultimate MINI-CON weapon: the STAR SABER! Penciled by Pat Lee, inked by Rob Armstrong, and colored by Gary Yeung!

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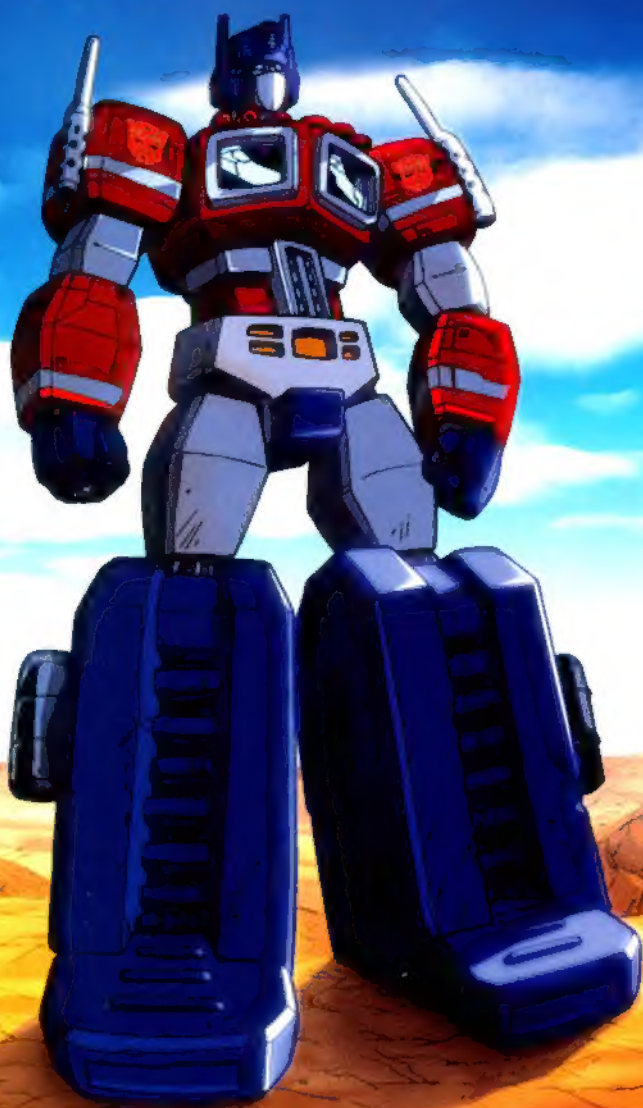
THE #1 SELLING  
SERIES RETURNS...

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